

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
SANTA BARBARA DESIGNATING FIRE STATIONS AS  
SAFE SURRENDER SITES FOR NEWBORN INFANTS

WHEREAS, the Health and Safety Code Section 1255.7; Penal Code Section 271.5 and Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14005.24 allow a person to surrender a minor child, defined as being less than 72 hours old, to designated personnel at a hospital and any safe surrender site designated by local government without fear of arrest or prosecution, provided the infant has not been abused or neglected;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Health and Safety Code Section 1255.7, the Council has the authority to designate fire stations as Safe Surrender Sites within the City of Santa Barbara; and

WHEREAS, a provision of the law grants immunity to safe surrender sites and the personnel of safe surrender sites that accept and care for an infant in the good faith belief that action is required or authorized pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 1255.7, including, but not limited to, instances where the child is older than 72 hours or the person surrendering the child did not have lawful physical custody of the child.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA THAT all City of Santa Barbara fire stations be designated as Safe Surrender Sites under Health and Safety Code Section 1255.7, and that the Fire Department implement policies and procedures to comply with the Safe Surrender Site program.